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## School shows support for cancer campaigner Hannah

Hannah at Burscough Village Primary School's 'Blue' day

SCHOOLCHILDREN and staff have rallied around to support a former pupil who is suffering from cancer.

Nineteen-year-old Hannah Lyson from Ormskirk discovered she had bowel and liver cancer in May, just days before she was set to do voluntary work in America.

She started a blog, 'A Worthwhile Adventure' to document her diagnosis, treatment and the emotions that she was feeling, as well as raising awareness of her condition.

Aspiring air hostess Hannah and her family were shocked as she had previously been diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, while bowel cancer is rarely diagnosed in under-45s.

She has already had an operation to remove the primary cancer in her bowel and started chemotherapy this month to tackle the four secondary tumours in her liver.

And she has launched a campaign, Wear Blue for Hannah and Bowel Cancer Awareness, to raise awareness of the symptoms which include blood in the stools, a change in bowel habits and abdominal pain.

Hannah visited staff and pupils at her former school, Burscough Village Primary, who all wore blue on Friday, June 26 to raise awareness of bowel cancer symptoms and funds for the school and CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people.

A spokesperson for the school said: "The whole school turned out in blue to support Hannah and raise awareness of the condition.

"The money is still being totalled up but it is wonderful that we are able to show our support."

# CALL TO CLEAN UP GRAVEYARD

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

## Woman distraught after finding family plot 'overgrown and surrounded by dog mess'

**A DAUGHTER says she was left distraught when she went to lay flowers on her late dad's grave on Father's Day and found it "overgrown with weeds and surrounded by dog mess."**

Nikki Cooper said that when she went to visit the family plot in the graveyard at Ormskirk Parish Church, which is also her grandparents' final resting place, she found grass ranging up to six-feet high, overgrown hedges and trees obscuring the pathway from the church to the gravestones,

Now the 31-year-old mother-of-two is calling on the community to rally round and join a clean-up day at the parish church from noon to 4pm on Sunday, July 31.

Nikki was furious to discover that dogs had fouled all over the graveyard and also raised fears about the threat to children's eyesight if they came into contact with faeces.

Her father, Brian Barnes died aged just 39 in 2002 after battling a brain tumour, and was buried in the family plot with Nikki's grandparents Ethel and George Barnes.

She said: "I visit the grave regularly, especially on special occasions like birthdays etc. Last year I left my bouquet on the grave after I got married.

Nikki's family grave was overgrown and surrounded by dog dirt

"I have noticed that the churchyard has been becoming overgrown for months and have raised it with the church, where I am a worshipper, on a number of occasions. They just told me that there is no permanent vicar at the church at the moment and only one church warden. And it seems nothing is being done, no-one is taking responsibility for the state of the graveyard.

"We went on Father's Day to lay flowers on the grave and my eight-year-old son Dylan and four-year-old daughter Elise ran ahead as they usually do. When my husband Steven and I caught up to them, we were horrified to realise that all four of us had stepped in dog foul since entering the churchyard, despite taking slightly different paths.

"When I reached the graveyard, after pushing overgrown hedges and brambles out of the way, I was so upset. It looks dreadful, really unloved and unkempt.

"It's heart-breaking when you find your loved ones' final resting place is a disgrace and covered in dog dirt.

"But we need to focus on a solution and I am appealing for everyone who is community-minded to help us. Staff at Ormskirk CE Primary School, which is linked to the church and where my children attend, have said that they are going

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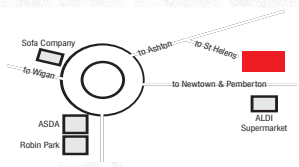


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# West Lancs votes to leave the EU

Report by **Henry James**

**RESIDENTS in West Lancashire voted in favour of the UK leaving the European Union by a ratio of 55.3% to 44.7% in last Thursday's Referendum.**

Nationally, the margin was smaller with the 'Out' group polling 52% to the 'Remain' camp's 48%.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper described the outcome as "generation-defining", while the leader of the borough council, Councillor Ian Moran, who supported staying in the EU, said he was "shell-shocked."

There was a 74.4% turnout - much higher than local and general elections - with a total of 35,323 people voting to leave and 28,546 voting to remain.

Rosie Cooper said: "The EU Referendum result marks a momentous day in British history - a result that has led to the Prime Minister being forced to resign just a year after winning a general election.

"For politicians of all political parties and on either side of the debate the result must be respected, but the large minority vote to remain should also be acknowledged too. Going forward we have to return to the common cause of working in the best interests of the British people who have made their decision.

**"Shell-shocked" - council leader Ian Moran**

"Our only certainty at the moment is the uncertainty of the immediate future. Friday morning brought great volatility in the currency and stock markets, highlighting the absolute need for government to secure stability in the British economy.

"We are in a situation that demands national leadership. We cannot afford for the Conservative Party to disappear off into an obsession with in-fighting over David Cameron's successor.

**'Priorities'**

"For the people of West Lancashire the priorities now need to be economic stability to protect jobs, businesses and trade, pensions, workers' rights, living standards and public services.

"The least well-off and our most vulnerable residents cannot be allowed to be cut further adrift in Britain's new future. The vote to leave has to be made to work for all people and for all communities."

Prior to the referendum Councillor Moran had said that he believed that Britain was better off in the EU.

In a letter to local media he stated: "From supporting local businesses and jobs, to protecting working people and supporting our health and environment, Britain's EU membership is vital. If we leave, it is the people in our communities that will be hardest hit."

Following the result he said: "I am obviously disappointed and shell-shocked by the decision.

"The people have spoken and we live in a democracy, so we will have to get on with it and see what happens. But I am concerned for the people of West Lancashire and worried what this result means for my children.

"There are many unknowns now including what will happen to mortgages, and jobs. The borough has bids concerning projects connected with European funding, so we are unsure what will happen with them. When does the European funding stop? There is much that is unknown at the minute.

"The borough is going to have to take stock and review the situation."


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# ‘Mastermind’ of £3m land bank fraud jailed

**THE mastermind of a sophisticated land banking fraud which duped hundreds of people out of more than £3m, leaving many financially ruined, has been jailed for eight years.**

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

Timothy Wren from Parbold was in the dock along with four others involved in the fraud plot. They received sentences totalling 21 years.

Judge Andrew Menary, QC, said: “Everyone involved was driven by greed and the potential for huge financial gain.”

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the seven-year fraud involved an elaborate scheme to dishonestly missell portions of Green Belt land on a site in Studley Road, Redditch, Worcestershire using misleading information.

Forty-year-old Wren used a variety of companies to acquire the 38-acre site for the cheap price of £250,000 as it had no development potential. He then arranged for architects to draw a site plan for more than 400 plots, many described as for three or four-bedroomed houses, and infrastructure including roads and recreational spaces.

The plots, that cost £500 to buy, were sold for more than £15,000, frequently as a result of targeted phone calls by a sales team to people who had shown some interest in land investments.

Peter Grieves-Smith, prosecuting, said that Wren and his right-hand man Kevin Hilton, whose company Land Banking (UK) Plc had bought the land, commissioned experts to do a planning permission appraisal - and the report made it plain the chances of planning permission was almost non-existent.

Despite this, the site plan was drawn up to market the land and purchasers, from all walks of life, “were given the firm impression that planning permission would be obtained for the site and their initial investment would yield impressive rewards.

“They were persuaded to invest by silver-tongued salesmen supported by convincing websites and brochures. Those brochures gave the impression that the vendors had real expertise in this area of land investment and it was a wise and safe investment.

“The truth was totally different. The investors were to find they owned a plot of land in a field which was of little if any value,” he said.

Land Banking (UK) also purchased four other plots of land in Kirkby, Nantwich and Chesterfield in 2006 which netted a further £3.5m for the fraudsters. However, the defendants, who were convicted after a lengthy trial, only faced a conspiracy to defraud involving the Studley Road land.

Office manager 42-year-old Hilton, of Oak Drive, Burscough, West Lancashire, who was only involved for two-and-a-half years, was jailed for six years; John Chandler, 61, known as Jack, of Clock Face Road, St Helens, who was head of sales and marketing, received seven years; and his wife, Jeanette, 61, of the same address, was jailed for four years, as was Alfred Arthur, 57, of Deepdale, Leigh.

Wren, of The Common, Parbold, was banned from being a company director for 15 years - he has previously been barred for seven years - and the others were banned for five years.

The court heard that many of the 259 innocent victims, some vulnerable, have been left struggling financially having parted with savings or inheritance cash.

Wren was described as “utterly ruthless” regarding the investors.

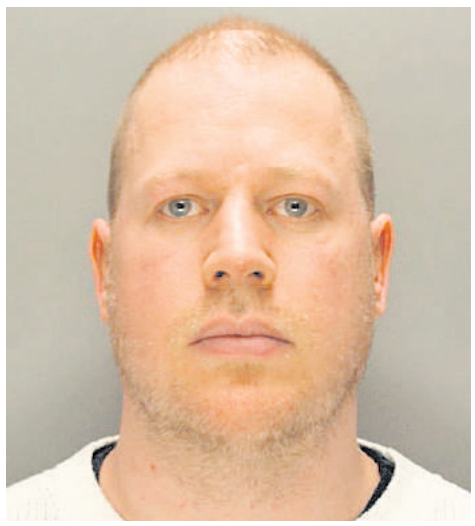
Jailing the defendants Judge Menary said he was satisfied they all knew or realised that there was never any intention of seeking planning permission and also knew that without such a prospect each individual plot was essentially worthless.

The report prepared by planning and development consultants indicated development was contrary to the Local Plan and was not only designated as Green Belt but as a Special Landscape Area regarded as a key environmental area that was to be protected.

He said that the fraudsters used a similar business model for every site - an illustrative estate plan, slick marketing material and salesman willing to make exaggerated claims about its potential. They all benefitted financially from the fraud.

They also carried on with the scam despite the Financial Services Authority repeatedly investigating their companies and telling them to cease trading. But they carried on from various addresses in the St Helens area and kept taking money from investigators.

Wren was disqualified as a company director in 2009 because of the way his company, Land Strategy, had been operating but “you ignored the terms of your disqualification from the very beginning and treated it with contempt,” said Judge Menary.



Timothy Wren

He said that the victim impact statements described the misery they had caused and they had known they were financially vulnerable. “The whole point of the scheme was to create parcels of land small enough to tempt people with modest means - people with small savings, or an inheritance or a compensation award.”

When the trial began there were six other defendants accused of playing various lesser roles but they were acquitted.

# Court closes for last time

ORMSKIRK Family Court and Magistrates Court has closed its doors for the final time.

Christine Rourke, former chairperson of the bench, His Honour Judge Ross Duggan, Chairman of the Lancashire Bench Frank Shipway and Deputy Mayor Councillor Neil Furey were all key speakers at the closing service at the courts on Tuesday, 28 June.

The courts in Derby Street were one of 18 in the North West labelled as 'under-used or of poor-quality' in 2015. Future criminal cases will be dealt with at Preston Magistrates except for Skelmersdale work which will instead be sent to Wigan.

# Graveyard clean-up plea

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to help us, along with parents and pupils.

“I have also created a volunteering page on Facebook, ‘Volunteers needed for clean-up of Ormskirk Parish Church’ and many people have been in touch already to join us.

“A lovely member of local history group Ormskirk Bygone Times has offered to cut all the grass ahead of the day so we can weed easily and pick up all the dog dirt, make it clean and respectful again.

“Please help us to restore this beautiful graveyard – I know that it means absolutely everything to the families and friends of those who are resting there.”

A spokesperson for Ormskirk Parish Church said: “The church council takes its responsibility for maintaining the church yard seriously with regular grass cutting and other efforts.

“Being a large and open churchyard, it is a challenge to maintain and we are grateful for Nichola’s concern and her determination to improve the graveyard. It's great that she is looking to organise volunteers and we want to work with her to make any clear-up is achieved successfully and safely for the benefit of all.”

If you would like to join in with the volunteering session, turn up on the day or email Nikki at nikki2home@yahoo.co.uk.


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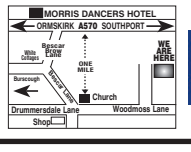


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# Sponsors wanted to boost MotorFest

**ONE of the biggest and most popular free family events in the North West of England will be revving up on the streets of Ormskirk again in August and organisers are appealing for sponsors to help make it even better!**

The Ormskirk MotorFest has proved hugely popular since its inception in 2011. Last year it attracted around 30,000 visitors to the town.

This year's event, organised as ever by Aintree Circuit Club, supported by West Lancashire Borough Council, will take place on Sunday, August 28. And they are seeking to recruit sponsors to help make it even more special and sustainable for years to come.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "The Ormskirk MotorFest has proved incredibly popular with people across the North West and we are appealing for sponsors to come forward and support it.

"We are not talking about huge amounts of money. If a number of businesses or individuals donate a small sum of money that can make a big difference to the event for this year and the future.

"Given the huge numbers of people the MotorFest attracts this is a fantastic opportunity for you to showcase your business or organisation.

Visitors enjoying last year's MotorFest

"And we would also hope that town centre businesses will take advantage of this opportunity and open their premises to customers on the day."

This year's event will see some truly wonderful vehicles line up to take part in the Concours de Elegance competition in a special area in Coronation Park.

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The Concours de Elegance is being sponsored by Halsall-based Carequick Ltd. Air Conditioning, which specialises in building services, air conditioning and mechanical maintenance.

This attraction will complement the superb town-centre displays which will feature a fantastic variety of classic and modern cars and motorbikes. Many vehicles will join in parade laps around the town centre to entertain the crowds.

An added attraction for all the family will be the Vintage and Handmade Fair due to take place in Ormskirk town centre on the day of the MotorFest.

Mike Ashcroft, Aintree Circuit Club chairman, said: "The Ormskirk MotorFest will be a fantastic day out for all the family and I would encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the event. If anyone wants to sponsor the event please contact the council or myself."

Anyone interested in sponsoring the event can contact the council's technical services manager Colin Brady by email at colin.brady@westlancs.gov.uk or on 01695 585125; or Mike Ashcroft at mja@aintree.org.uk or on 07821 230 961 / 0151 525 5060 (evening).


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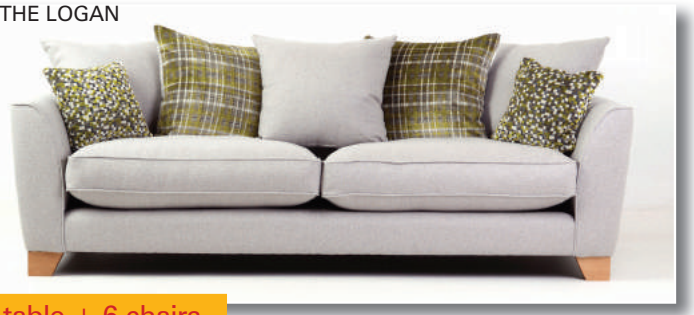

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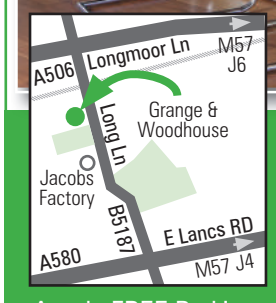


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# Independent group claim 'victory' over town's branding

## ...but council leader says there was never any plan to change wording

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

**A PROPOSAL to re-brand Ormskirk as a 'University Market Town' has been rejected by the council after what opponents of the plan described as "a public outcry".**

Members of the independent group, Our West Lancashire, highlighted the proposed re-branding last month and called for a public consultation before any change was made to the current 'Historic Market Town' branding.

Now the leader of West Lancs Council, Councillor Ian Moran has confirmed that the existing branding will remain after concerned residents wrote to him over the possible changes.

Our West Lancashire Derby ward representative, Councillor Adrian Owens, said: "This proposal understandably touched a raw nerve, resulting in many people contacting the council leader.

"It's a pity he then tried to divert matters with irrelevant talk about the name of the town when the concern from people was always the town's branding. However, I'm pleased some residents were not put off and wrote to him again securing the assurance that the town will continue to be marketed as a 'Historic Market Town'.

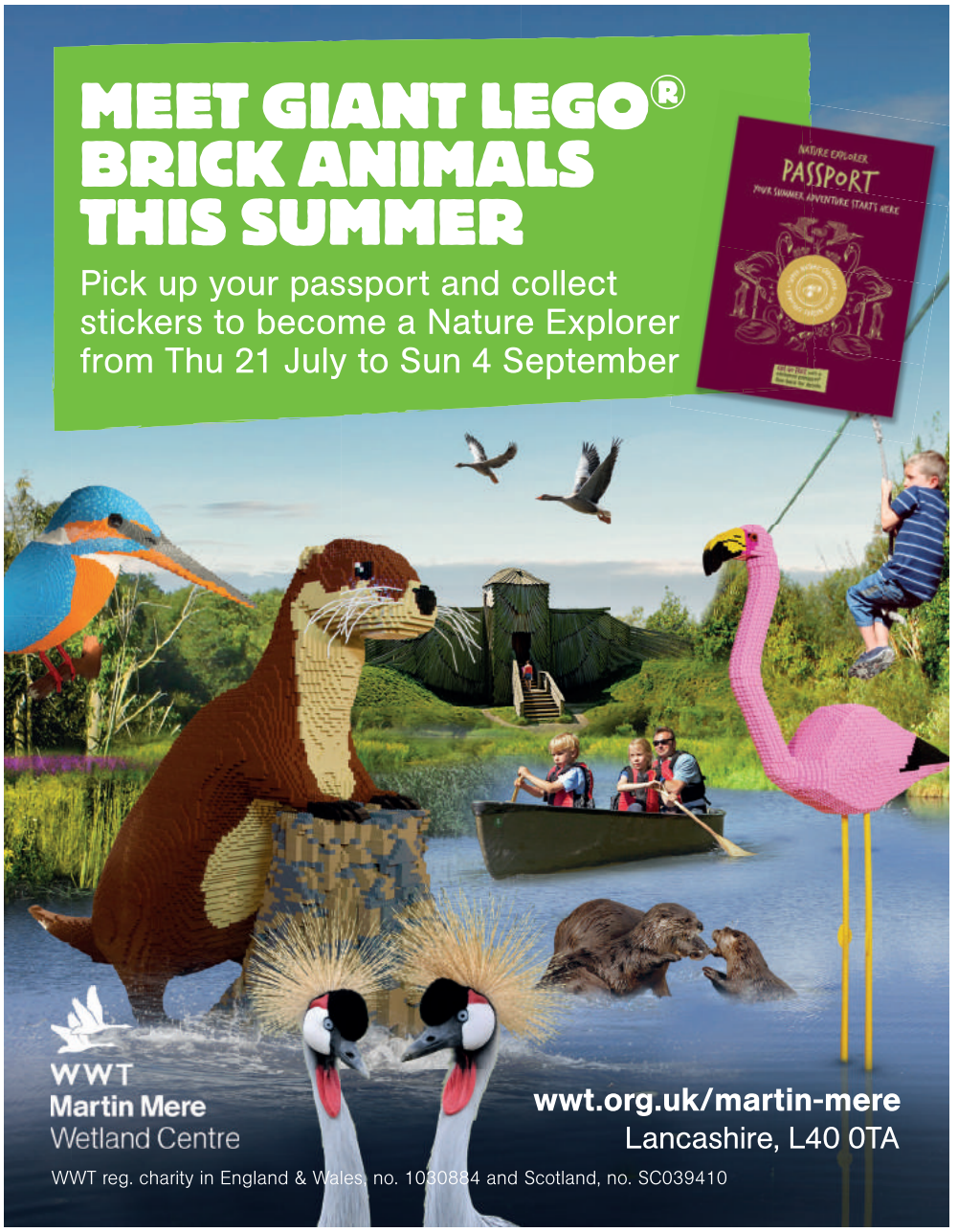
"To have made any change without a full public consultation would have had no mandate and incurred unnecessary costs in changing signage."

However, the leader of West Lancs Council, Councillor Ian Moran, responded: "There was never any intention to change Ormskirk's strapline from 'Historic Market Town' to 'University Market Town' and that had been made clear to Councillor Owens and members of the public.

**Ormskirk is to retain its 'Historic Market Town' branding**

"I feel passionately that Ormskirk should develop and grow its historic market, however we cannot afford to let the town centre get left behind as we all know that town centres need to adapt to changing retail habits.

"There was no need to alter our Town Centre Strategy as a result of the consultants' work we commissioned, but we do need to continue to make Ormskirk welcoming and attractive to all who live in the town and maximise the benefits of having Edge Hill University located here."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Organisers and guests including Maurice Cannon, former singer with The Drifters, at the Twinkle House charity fundraiser

# Sparkling night for charity

**A FUNDRAISING evening featuring a former singer with American pop legends The Drifters struck a winning note with supporters of a West Lancashire-based young people's charity.**

Vocalist Maurice Cannon was the star attraction at the event, organised by staff at Burscough call-handling company Face For Business and held at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf.

And it raised a bumper £1,700 for Twinkle House in Skelmersdale which provides a free support service for children and young people in the borough who have disabilities and additional needs.

The total - more than a third of the £5,000 target which the Face For Business team have set themselves to raise on behalf of the charity for the year - was boosted by a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

And also in attendance was Twinkle House's ambassador and former X-Factor contestant, Goldie Cheung, who gave a talk about the work that the charity does.

The donation will be used towards the charity's annual running costs of £50,000.

Maurice Cannon's sister-in-law, Sue Smith, who works at Face For Business, came up with the idea for the concert.

Jill Boardman, chief executive of Twinkle House, said: "I would like to thank Andy MacGregor and the team at Face for Business for their hard work in arranging and hosting their recent charity night.

"The generosity of the guests has been overwhelming. It was a delight to see so many local people and businesses in attendance supporting the company's fundraising activities.

"Our thanks also go to The Blue Mallard and their team, Goldie Cheung and Maurice Cannon of The Drifters who entertained guests throughout the evening. Thank-you to each and every one of you and to all those local businesses who contributed with wonderful raffle prizes for the event. Without you all, we could not continue to provide our vital support work for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs in West Lancashire."

Andy MacGregor, managing director at Face for Business, added: "The effort and input from our team has been incredible. They have really taken the charity into their hearts and have been working really hard during their lunch hours to really make the evening a success. I am so thankful to all the local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle and quiz, and will be sending them all a personal thank-you.

"A couple at the event celebrating their wedding anniversary are huge Drifters fans so that was really a very special moment.

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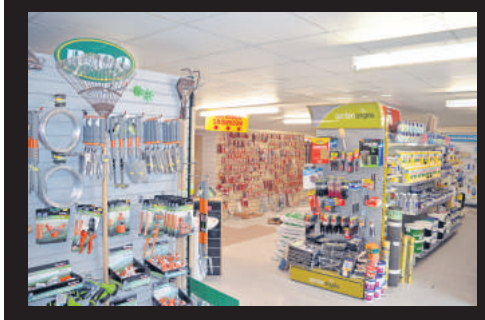

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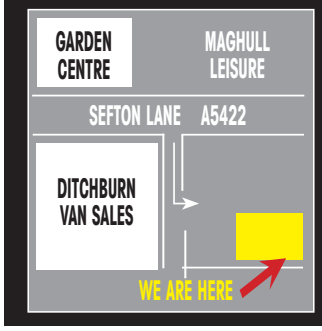


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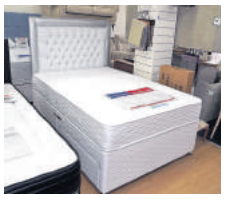

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# Rugby club to stage third annual fundraiser day in memory of Russ

by **Danielle Thompson**

**THE third annual Raise for Russ fundraiser will be held at Ormskirk Rugby Club in Green Lane on Saturday, July 2.**

The family-friendly event, starting at 2pm, will feature a charity rugby match between current and former players, a barbeque, raffle and live music from the band The Restless Natives.

As ever the am is to raise funds for the charity started by club stalwart Russ Brennan, who passed away in March last year after a long battle with cancer.

Last year's event raised £5,000 for the Russ Brennan Development Fund, which supports sporting opportunities in cricket and rugby for local children.

One of the organisers, Chris Parlour, said: "This is a very important date as it is the day that the club celebrates the life of Russ Brennan, one of its much-loved and much-missed sons, who sadly passed away in March 2015 after a long battle against Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The late Russ Brennan

"The event started in July 2014 as a fundraiser for Russ's charity, the Russ Brennan Development fund which was specifically established to bring children through junior sport development into the club sports world that Russ loved so much.

"On that fine day in 2014 Russ was still with us, smiling and laughing as if nothing was wrong - as he always was.

"That set a standard and in his absence last year, Raise for Russ Two, raised the bar once more for both celebration and fundraising.

"This Saturday at Raise for Russ Three, members of the club are hoping that this standard will be nudged higher again.

"The rugby match, involving many players attached to the club both past and present, will be played in Russ's honour. Last year's game was one of the most competitive matches seen in a while at Green Lane, so this year's is expected to be a real humdinger."

And former teammate and friend, Richie Gibbon, added: "Russ was one of those guys who was good at sport. He was a very able cricketer, as well as rugby player, and he was a humble and very engaging chap to boot.

"Like me, Russ, was not originally from Ormskirk, he was Yorkshire born and bred. But he loved all things Ormskirk and within minutes of talking to him you could see his spirit and desire for all things to do with the town. And that spirit encouraged so many to share his passion."


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West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with Santander branch manager Gareth McBride (left) and Ormskirk Marks & Spencer manager David Wilkinson

# MP meets with high street group over plans for town

**WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has met with the manager of Ormskirk Marks & Spencer, David Wilkinson, and Santander branch manager Gareth McBride, to discuss the work of the Healthy High Streets programme and their ambitions for the town centre.**

The founders of Healthy High Streets – Marks & Spencer, Santander, Boots and the Co-Operative Group – are working with towns across the country to help improve town centres and attract more people to shop on their local high street.

The programme develops a number of activities and initiatives, including high-profile events to drive footfall, creating pop-up shops and markets to support start-ups, improving customer service, providing expert help and resources to market and celebrate the concept of the high street.

Following the meeting, the MP said: "Ormskirk has a long-standing reputation as a historic market town and it was great to meet with David and Gareth and hear about the ideas being explored by Healthy High Streets to help reinvigorate the town centre and make it a place that people and businesses want to come to and be a part of.

"With the busy summer season in full swing and West Lancashire Borough Council working on its Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy this is an exciting time for the town.

"I look forward to continuing to work with all partners in the public and private sectors to help establish Ormskirk as a real economic force in the area."

The Healthy High Streets programme was launched in 2014 and provides support for high streets in 67 towns across the UK.

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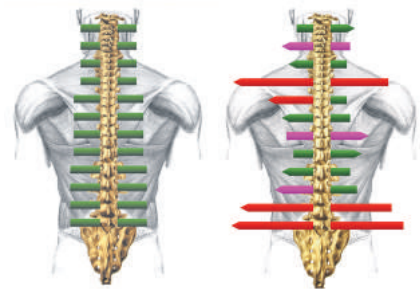

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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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## Go with your hearts in Great North Run

I would like to ask readers in West Lancs interested in taking part in the Great North Run on September 11, to run with their hearts for national charity Heart Research UK.

Last year, I pounded the 13.1 miles between Newcastle and South Shields with 56,000 people, caught up in a sea of excitement and emotion. A fantastic experience which I will remember for the rest of my life. It was tough and it took some training prior to the event, but running for a charity close to my heart helped me to carry on putting one foot in front of the other.

Last year I joined the Heart Research UK team last year, with my dad, as we wanted to give back to the charity. Heart Research UK fund various community projects to help people live happier, healthier and longer lives.

Heart Research UK joined the huge crowds that cheered us around the streets. They also gave me tremendous support throughout the months and weeks running up to the event, offering training and nutrition advice, as well as fundraising tips and ideas.

This is why I urge you to join the Heart Research UK team. Your sponsorship will fund pioneering research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease.

Sign-up at www.heartresearch.org.uk/gnr or, if you have your own place in the run email community@hearresearch.org.uk

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Running for Heart Research UK made me feel like I was making a difference and I recommend anyone contemplating signing up to have a go - I can bet you will not regret it!

**Ellen Smith**
**Great North Runner**

## Family grateful for support following death of Dr Varma

ON behalf of all my family I would like to say a big thank-you to the people of Ormskirk and the surrounding area following your article on the death of the late Dr A K Varma who practiced at the surgery at 6 Stanley Street Ormskirk.

We have been inundated with cards, letters and emails of support from his former patients.

Several of his patients turned up at his funeral on Friday, June 24. I am truly grateful. I know that dad would have been proud of every single one of you.

I am also eternally grateful and in debt to the local Indian community who gave my mother no end of emotional support.

They also came round and took care of the practical things. They wouldn't let my mum cook anything. They did all the day- to-day stuff and I have to say that without them my mother would no doubt have had a nervous breakdown by now.

Dr Varma's legacy will live on through the Feel Good clinic in Ormskirk. He had huge plans for it and now it's my job as his son to put those plans into place.

So if you have facebook please visit www.facebook.com/feelgoodcomplimentarytherapycentre/.

**Sushant Varma,**
**Ormskirk**

# PICTURE of the week

**Leap of Faith: A minature member of K92000 dog display team springs into action at last Saturday's Ormskirk Churches Together Park Praise event. Picture by Martyn Snape.**

## Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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## Somebody isn't doing their job

EVERY time I read about inland floods I conclude that someone, somewhere is sitting on their backside drawing a salary in dereliction of their duty.

Flooding in the Crow Orchard area is ridiculous.

Less than 400 metres from there, at a downward angle of about 15 degrees, is the River Tawd.

It beggars belief that ALL surface water doesn't run downhill, unless someone has messed up.

**Dave Symons, by email**

## I care about nature too but surely it's a matter of getting priorities right?

**IN response to the people who have written to the Champion in connection with diminishing wildlife and flowers along the hedgerows, nobody is more concerned about animals and nature more than me.**

**But if I had to choose between looking at a bee or a butterfly or an ambulance taking a badly injured child (hurt crossing the road for the school bus) to hospital because of an accident with a car, I know which I would choose.**

**Please use some common sense and get your priorities right.**

John Brown, Aughton

## Through road needed to ease congestion

**A THROUGH road from Southport to Ormskirk to other country towns and connecting to the M6 has been considered in the past by Sefton Council but Lancashire County Council has to agree as well.**

**They need to be aware how congested the road gets in hot weather and bank holidays.**

**Traffic can be held up for hours in both directions.**

**We ask both councils to please do their best to provide a suitable road for the traffic and emergency services as soon as possible.**

Janet Davies, by email

## Guide Dogs donation was lovely gesture

**I WOULD like, through the Champion, to thank an elderly gentleman who was travelling on the Southport to Manchester train and got off at Burscough.**

**I was travelling with my guide dog and this man, who wouldn't tell me his name, offered me money for the Guide Dogs charity as a donation. I'd like to thank him as he was so insistent to give some money and it was such a lovely gesture.**

Hilary Webb, Burscough

## Thanks, folks, for helping our dad

WE, as a family, would like to thank the staff at Asda, Skelmersdale and the various people who offered their help when our dad, Lewis Riddaway collapsed in the car in the car park on Wednesday, June 15.

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**Bob and Linda Riddaway, by email**

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# Land Rover pulled from canal!

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He had to be rescued by a fellow motorist in a Range Rover after his vehicle entered the waters near to the Slipway Pub at around 6pm on Saturday, June 25.

It's believed the car had been reversed down the slipway from where it slipped into the canal.

Colin Wareing, who lives on the travelling wool shop, The Wool Boat, said: "The Land Rover driver appeared to try some high jinks by driving the vehicle down the concrete slipway into the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Unfortunately the driver didn't realise that the concrete slipway ended not far below water level and the canal bed was a good bit lower than the concrete.

"I don't think he would have been able to drive it out because of all of the silt and mud on the canal floor. The Land Rover had slipped in too far - and it didn't float!

"He was eventually rescued by being pulled out by the driver of a Range Rover - but not before providing a bit of 'excitement' for local people on a Saturday evening visit to the pub!"

Colin Wareing's picture of the Land Rover being towed out of the slipway at Burscough

# Strumming up cash for church funds

**A FUN musical evening hit all the right notes by raising £500 for church funds.**

**Visitors to Holy Trinity Church in Bickerstaffe enjoyed an evening of entertainment provided by the Wigan Ukulele Club, who regularly perform concerts to raise money for a variety of North West and national charities.**

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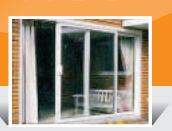

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# Three-day wait for a blood test - and they call it progress!

AS I write this it's still only 6pm on the night of the Referendum, so as yet I am neither elated nor cast into misery so thoughts turn to the more ordinary.

This afternoon I caught a bus (yes, I'm only too well aware that a few weeks ago I would have walked) in the hope of picking up my prescription at the chemist only to be told that it wouldn't be available until tomorrow - which is fair enough actually, since that's when it is due. But you must forgive me, this is the first time in my life that I've had repeat prescriptions for anything.

It got me thinking though about the considerable difference between being ill in 2016 and going to the doctor's 60 years ago. You didn't have to phone for an appointment sometime in the future - you simply turned up and waited patiently (pun not intended) until it was your turn. Agreed, you had to bide your time amid the snufflers and snifflers – but then, you still do.

At least though these days you have a reasonable idea of how long you'll have to wait, though as I found, the time you save waiting to see doctor can very easily be frittered away.

When I was a nipper, or even young adult, if your GP needed a blood sample, he or she simply got out a syringe, you rolled up your sleeve, and doctor took what blood was necessary and sent the sample off to a lab somewhere to be processed.

Not now in the 21st century though. My doctor deemed a blood sample was needed, but there was no up-rolling of sleeve. Oh no. My doctor gave me a large form which I was to take to the surgery next door, where I was given an 'appointment' for three days' time.

I say 'appointment' but actually I was told to return on the appointed day sometime in the afternoon. It is left to you to guess when the queue might be at its shortest.

Admittedly, if your GP thinks the test is urgent, you can be fitted in the same day – at the back of the queue of course. But the blood samples are still sent elsewhere for analysis and with luck the result will be back with your GP before your next appointment with him or her. Progress?

Anyway, this odd procedure brought home another difference between now and the long forgotten then. By the time I'd been to see my doctor, went to make an 'appointment' with the blood people and returned to my GP's surgery, I found I'd just missed a bus home.

Back in the bad old days, this wouldn't really have mattered. In fact I couldn't have caught a bus from where my GP's surgery is – mainly because the road it's on wasn't built then. But from the nearest point on the main road nearby, there were at least five, sometimes more, buses each hour, more or less evenly spaced. You turned up and went.

Now there are but two (well, three, but two of them turn up within a minute or two of each other). And the wait can be expensive, if like me you decide to fill the time by visiting the local shops.

Don't think I am criticising the bus companies (though I still think they could do something about the timings). If I were to run local buses, I too would eschew the idea of running buses full of nothing but fresh air – that way lies bankruptcy.

I do wonder though at all those earnest folk who bang on about saving the planet and the polar bears but still find it necessary to use their cars for purely local journeys rather than mix it with us smelly people on a public omnibus.

Anyway, safely back home now I'm considering staying up to watch the Referendum results as they come in. Oh, alright, I'm not. I will be up early tomorrow morning to see how it went.

# MP's 'get in touch' call to victims of failed investment scheme

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper wants to hear from constituents who lost up to £11,000 in a failed renewable-energy investment scheme.

Residents in the borough were among hundreds throughout the country who invested a total of £7.5million into the project operated by Secured Energy Bonds.

The scheme was approved by a Financial Conduct Authority-authorised firm but the money was never invested in renewable energy.

Instead, most of it was siphoned off to the business's Australian parent company before it went into administration in November 2014, leaving investors out of pocket.

Ms Cooper is keen to hear from any West Lancashire residents who were stung by the scheme.

She said: "I'm really concerned that local people have lost £11,000 after being ripped off by this firm. The authorities should make sure that no one is left out of pocket as a result of this business's failure to keep its promises.

"I would strongly encourage any West Lancashire residents who have lost money on this scheme to get in touch with me."

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# Packed programme of free, family events in store

**WEST Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service have a packed programme of free family events lined up for the weeks ahead.**

Starting the ball rolling is the Ormskirk Community Dance Festival at Coronation Park, on Saturday, July 2 from 11am to 4pm.

Organised in association with Divine Days, the festival showcases styles ranging from line dancing to street dance. Other attractions include children's rides and entertainment, dance and art workshops, donkey rides, community stalls and much more.

For nature lovers there's a chance to find out about the fascinating uses for different plants found growing all around us on the Useful and Edible Plant Walk on Sunday, July 3.

You are invited to join local experts for an informative exploration of Beacon Country Park, which starts from the Ranger Station at 10am. The event is free but booking is required and all under-14s must be accompanied by an adult.

And why not put your best foot forward for the Extended Health Walk on Monday, July 4?

This lovely five-mile walk explores the wonderful wildlife corridors linking Mere Sands Woods to Rufford Canal. Meet at St Mary's Marina car park, Rufford at 9.50am for a 10am start. No booking required.

Wimbledon will be reaching its climax in the first week in July and if you catch the tennis 'bug', don't miss the Ormskirk Tennis Festival at Coronation Park, on Saturday, July 9 from midday to 4pm.

This spectacular family tennis event offers you a chance to try the game and take part in fun competitions. You can also test your fitness playing cardio tennis and enjoy other activities. Refreshments will be available.

Beacon Country Park hosts the Green Fayre, a celebration of the countryside and countryside living, on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, from 11am to 5pm on both days.

**Coronation Park, Ormskirk will host the town's Community Dance Festival on Saturday, July 2**

Thousands are expected to attend to come and enjoy a huge range of wonderful attractions and family entertainment, including working woodlands and craft demonstrations, dog shows, owl and birds of prey displays, bouncy castles and a climbing wall.

For more information on the Green Fayre please visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/greenfayre.

And to round off an action-packed month the West Lancashire Walking Festival begins on Saturday, July 30 with an eight-mile circular walk around Hunters Hill, starting at 10am at the hill.

A variety of walks are also planned throughout August, for details go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/walkingfestival.

Members of the public are advised to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather, ground conditions and activity at all parks events. For more information about events go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/countryside.

To enquire about volunteering with the Parks and Countryside Rangers email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk or phone 01695 622794. You can also follow the Rangers on Twitter @WLBC_Rangers or Facebook at www.facebook.com/wlbc.rangers.

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Lorraine MacArthur and 'super hero' members of Baby Sensory West Lancs at their fundraising Sensathon held at Parbold Village Hall

# *'Super tots' help raise £2,500 for baby charity*

*A GROUP of 'super tots' - with a little help from mum! - helped to raise more than £2,500 for a baby charity by donning capes and becoming comic book heroes for the day.*

*The youngsters aged up to 13 months from private nursery Baby Sensory West Lancs took part in an hour-long 'Sensathon' class at Parbold Village Hall to raise money for baby charity Tommy's, which funds medical research into the prevention of premature birth, stillbirth and miscarriage.*

*The money raised will help to fund the national charity's four research centres.*

*Loraine MacArthur, franchisee of West Lancs Baby Sensory, said: "The Superhero Sensathon is an enormously fun event that encourages parents and babies to tap in to their inner Batman and raise funds for the research work Tommy's pioneers into the causes and prevention of miscarriage, stillbirth and premature births."*

*Jane Brewin, chief executive of Tommy's, added: "Sensathon is a great way for mums and dads to involve little ones in a good cause.*

*"Tommy's relies on the generosity and hard work of supporters like Baby Sensory to continue pioneering research.*

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# MP welcomes new scheme to help flood-hit residents insure their homes

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

**ROSIE Cooper is urging residents in the borough who were affected by recent floods to use a new national scheme to shop around for the best insurance policy.**

The West Lancs MP has welcomed the introduction of the Flood Re insurance scheme, which was launched earlier this year and is designed to help provide better access to affordable home insurance for those who live in areas where flood risk is judged to be high.

Following the Boxing Day and New Year storms, which caused chaos and misery for residents across West Lancashire, parts of Skelmersdale, Up Holland and Dalton were hit by torrential rainfall and flash floods on Thursday, June 16.

The scheme offers a list of participating insurers who can provide cover for residents who have previously been affected by flooding and may have found it difficult to get home insurance policies in the past.

Rosie Cooper said: "Following the Boxing Day floods there are many home-owners who have had to turn to their home insurance to cover the costs of the damage and repair.

"For many flood victims one of their deepest worries is not being able to get access to affordable home insurance to protect themselves, their families and their homes against future flooding.

"I raised this issue on the floor of the House of Commons in 2013 with then Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg MP and demanded action on the new deal for flood insurance that had been promised.

"There is no question that more action is required to address the home insurance costs situation as it leaves many home-owners exposed with no help or support because the premiums are simply astronomical.

"I would strongly urge flood-affected residents to check the Flood Re website for more information."

For more information visit floodre.co.uk.

**MP Rosie Cooper is encouraging residents to use the Flood Re insurance scheme**

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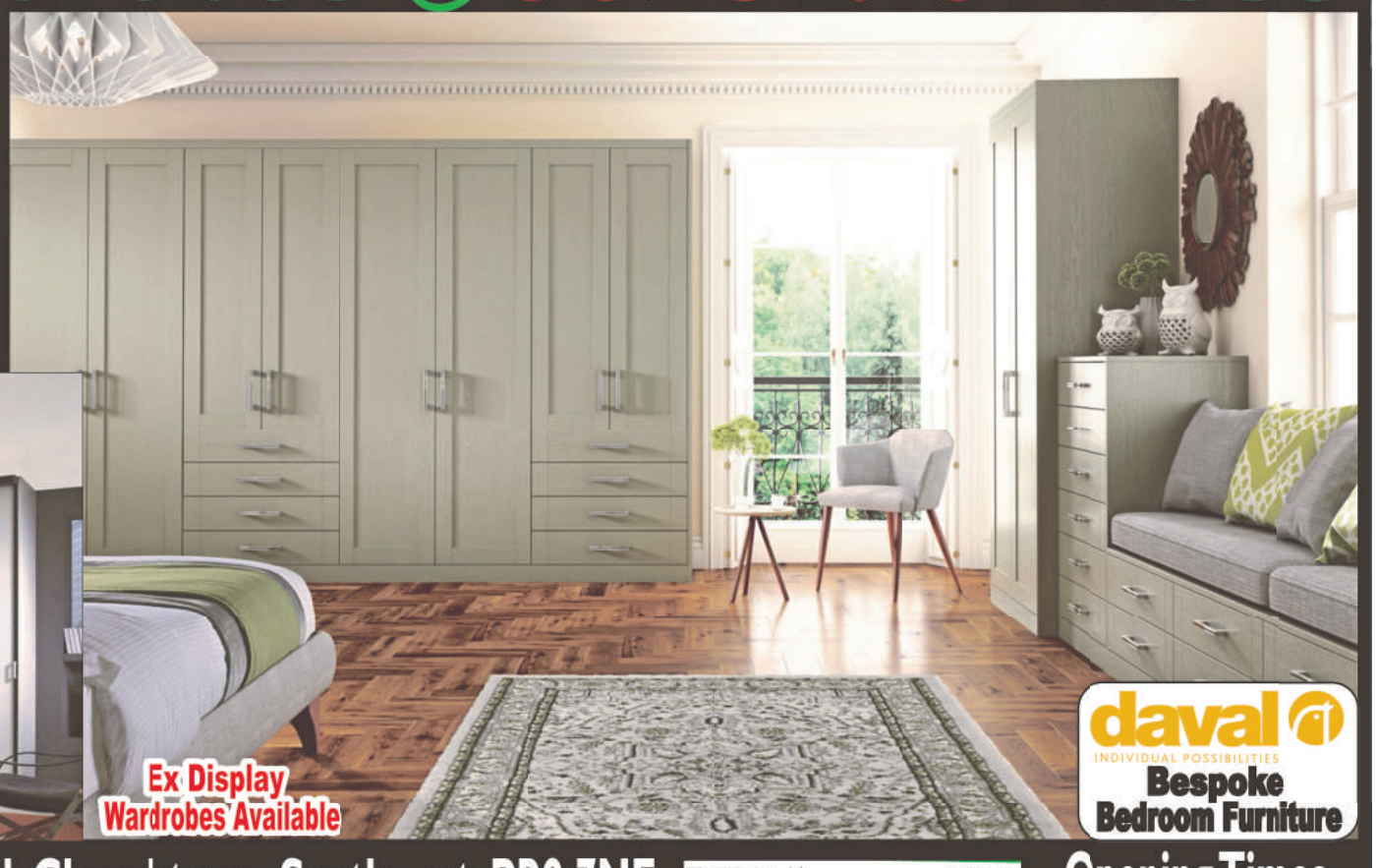


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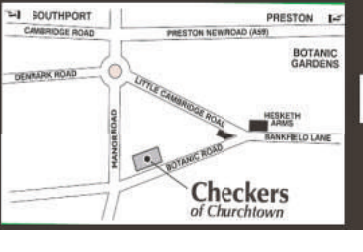


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# Former world champion on cue for bowlers' big day

JOHN Parrott swapped the green baize for the crown green when he went along to open Ormskirk Bowling Club's new facilities at Altys Lane.

The former world snooker champion, who is also an honorary patron of the British Crown Green Bowling Association, was joined by Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey and members of the club's committee at the event on Sunday, June 26.

A spokeperson for Omskirk Bowling Club said: "A really big thanks to everyone who made our grand opening so special. John Parrott was fantastic. We would also like to thank the British Crown Green Lancashire County Bowling Association, Mallinsons, the deputy mayor Cllr. Furey, Ormskirk Cricket Club and our wonderful committee, members and visitors who made this a very special day."

**Right: Former world snooker champion John Parrott sends down the first wood after officially opening the new greens at Ormskirk Bowling Club.**

# *Carnival time in Westhead*

*THE carnival season in West Lancashire is in full swing with the Westhead Carnival starting tomorrow (Thursday, June 30) and running until the weekend.*

*Now in its 43rd year the popular event usually attracts thousands of visitors to the village.*

*This year's programme kicks off with a car boot sale and bingo at 5pm at the school field.*

*And on Friday there will be a fancy dress dance where the theme will be 'space'.*

*Saturday, July 2 sees the main carnival procession leaving from Crosshall Brow at 12.30pm.*

*This will feature Skelmersdale Brass Band and a pipe band, and all classes from Westhead Lathom St James' CE Primary School will also be involved.*

***Activities***

*The procession will proceed to the playing fields at School Lane where there will be a whole host of activities.*

*These will include dog shows, dog agility displays, a ukulele band, taekwondo displays, morris dancing, a children's entertainer, many stalls and activities, a vintage car show, birds of prey and donkey rides.*

*And this year the event has its own Facebook page.*

*Carnival secretary, Moira MacIver, said: "The event is always fabulous and this year will be no different with many stalls and attractions.*

*"The Westhead Carnival is a great day and we expect about 3,000 people to attend.*

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# Martin Mere news

**Three Great Crested Grebe chicks have hatched on the WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre reserve for the first time, are just one of two 'firsts' at the centre this week.**

Reserve Manager, Tom Clare, Said: "If there has been one breeding wetland bird that has been missing from Martin Mere for the last 40 years, it is the stunning Great Crested Grebe. Over the last couple of years this enigmatic species has been showing signs of nesting and breeding however this is the first time they have succeeded."

The Great Crested Grebe is the biggest Grebe in the UK; and is one of the earliest conservation success stories. In the 19th Century many of the Great Crested Grebes were hunted to near extinction, for their feathers. When this bird became rare (only 32 breeding pairs in the UK) conservationists campaigned to stop the persecution of this stunning bird. These campaigns were successful and eventually lead the birds to recover to its previous ranges.

Apart from the birds beautiful plumage, it also has a very elaborate courtship display. Which is almost as indicative of the start of Spring as the first swallow or primrose. This display can be made up of several distinct behaviours. The first is normally head shaking with the crest in full splendor, then comes the weed ceremony. The ceremony takes place just before the nest is built. This is where the birds dive down and collect weed from the lake floor, with weed in mouth the birds steam towards each other keeping low in the water. Once close enough, the birds will rise vertically out of the water holding a rigid posture still with weed in mouth. This elaborate display increases the bonding between the birds which creates very caring and protective parents.

Once the young have hatched out within a couple of hours the chicks climb on to the parents back for safety. The chick will stay here being fed insect, fish and strangely feathers. The feathers are fed to the birds as it creates a sieve which keeps the small fish bones in the stomach to be digested.

Keep an eye out for these birds swimming around in front of the harrier hide over the next couple of months.

The second 'first' is a beautiful pyramidal orchid that can be seen around the pond dipping area of the waterfowl gardens.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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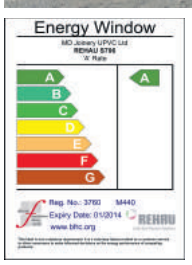


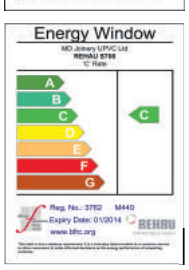


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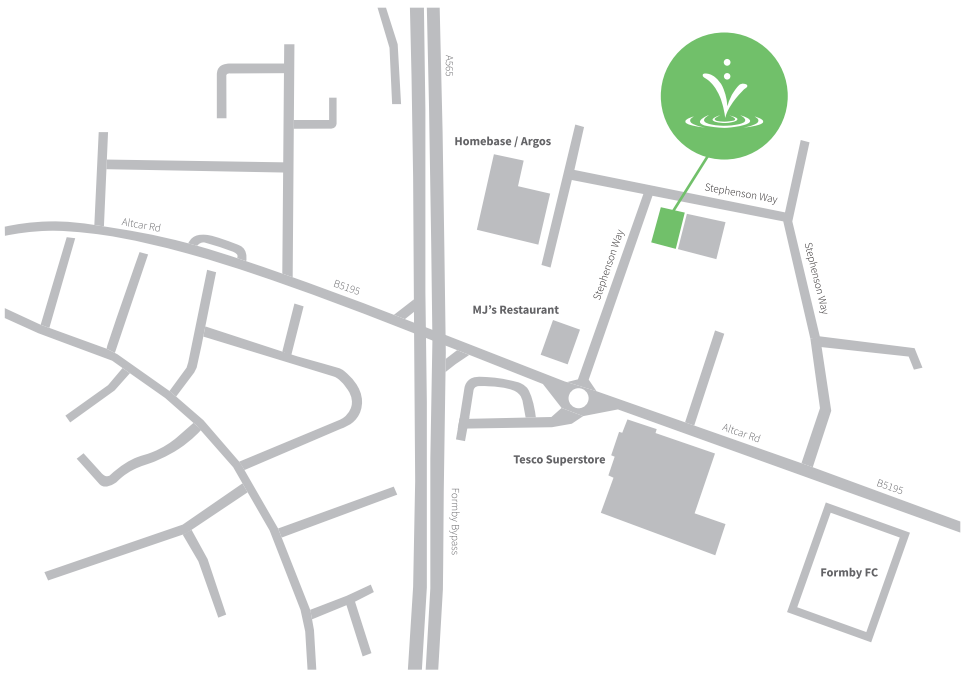


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# County to resume responsibility for roadside verges

Report by **Henry James**

**WEST Lancs Council is advising residents of changes in relation to the maintenance of grassed areas adjacent to the district's highway verges and major roads from this summer.**

The changes affect highways with speed limits over 50mph where grass verge cutting has, for a number of years, been carried out by the borough council on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

However, due to funding changes, from July 1, the work will again be carried out by the county council and any queries should therefore be directed to it as the highways authority.

Roads affected include the Rainford bypass; roads around Skelmersdale including Grimshaw Road, Stannanought Road and Neverstitch Road; and parts of the A59 through Aughton, Ormskirk, Burscough, Rufford and Tarleton.

**REDUCED**

Councillor Kevin Wilkie,West Lancs Council's cabinet member for street scene services, said: "Over recent years, as the government has reduced funding to councils, the money paid by the county council for this work has reduced, with the result that the borough council has had to confirm that we are no longer able to provide the service.

"The borough council will carry out one final cut during June and from July 1 the work will revert back to the county council."

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The cutting of grass verges will still take place five times a year in urban areas and twice a year in rural areas, with additional work as required to keep sightlines clear for safety reasons.

"These changes have been made because the county council is facing a very challenging financial situation, with a need to save a further £200m by 2020/21.

"This is a result of more government cuts to our budget and rising demand for services. For this reason we're having to take difficult decisions about the services we provide and how we deliver them."

The borough council will continue to provide grounds maintenance services in respect of the land it owns, which includes parks, public open spaces, cemetery maintenance and sports pitches.

County Councillor Fillis


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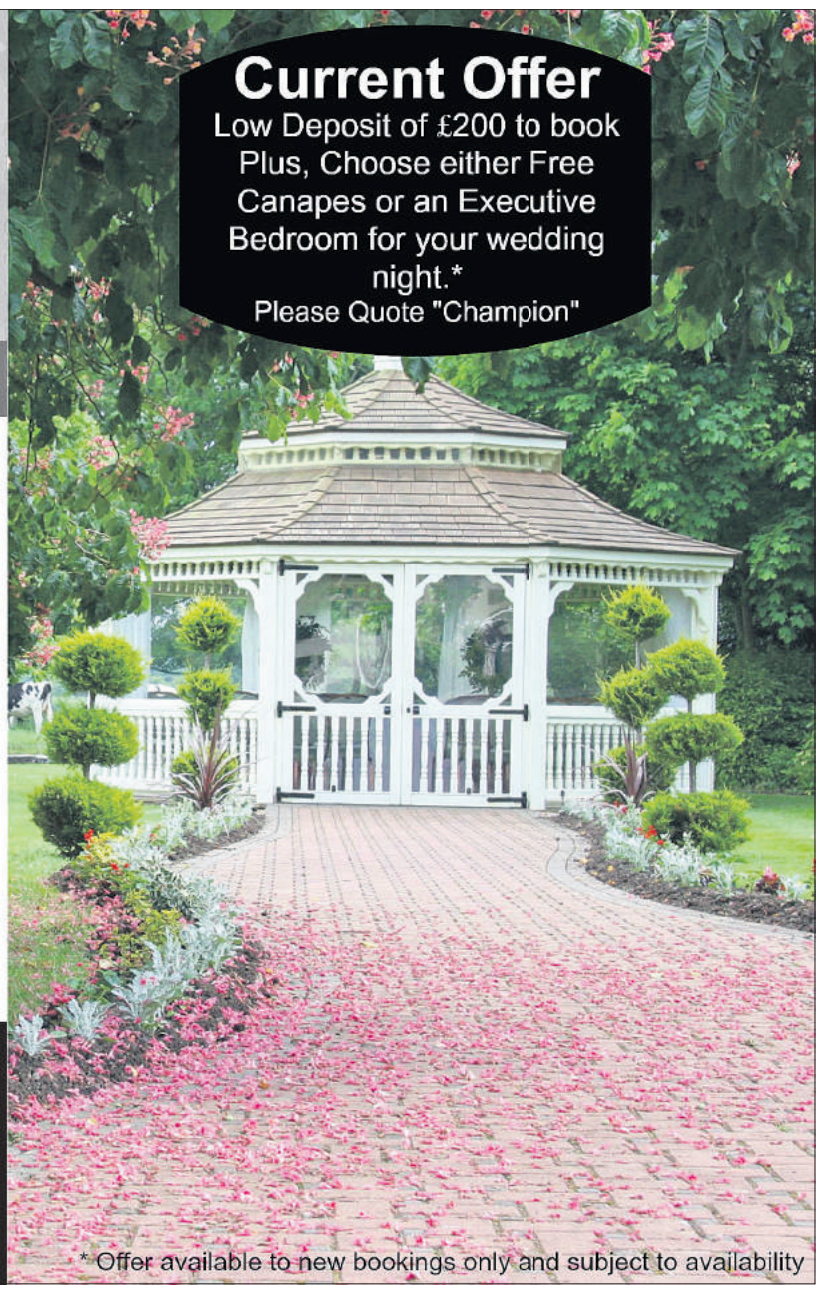

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# College's 'pink army' on the march for cancer charity

Report by **Henry James**

**A GROUP of sporty students and staff from West Lancashire College were 'in the pink' after successfully completing the Race for Life at Aintree Racecourse to raise money for Cancer Research.**

As part of the college's enrichment programme students from all departments have been participating in a project called This Girl Can Run.

Funded by Lancashire Sport as part of the national 'This Girl Can' campaign which aims to get people active and improve their lives, project saw them taking part in a six-weekly training programme in preparation for the 5k events.

On completion of the programme they were presented with special pink Race for Life t-shirts to wear on the day.

A total of 33 students and staff completed the 5k course and to date they have raised more than £800.

Rebecca Connick, Sports England enrichment co-ordinator, said: "This is the first year that we have entered as a college and to have 33 young adults complete the training and the race is inspirational, I am so proud of them all.

"The West Lancashire College 'Pink Army' will be back in force next year to help fund the next big discovery in the fight against cancer."

**Right: West Lancashire College's 'pink army' at Aintree Racecourse**


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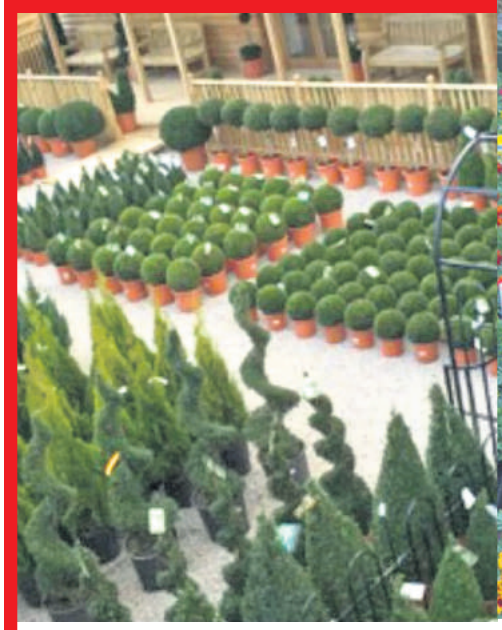

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*More than 2,000 visitors enjoyed the event, which marked the end of a week of fun activities across the area.*

*This year's Newburgh Fair on Saturday, June 25 was given the exotic makeover as a 'nod' to Rio hosting the Olympics later this summer.*

*Worldwise Samba Drummers from Preston played samba drums during the colourful street procession to open the fair, joined by Olympic-themed floats featuring local Beavers, Scouts, the Rose Queen and Rosebuds, the Douglas Valley Lions, members of the Riding with Disabilities group, Morris Dancers and a church float.*

*A special under-sevens float also had a fun rainforest Rio theme.*

*Following the street procession, the family favourite annual Newburgh Fair was held in the afternoon, featuring an assult course for adults and children, Morris dancing, craft fair, barbeques, 50 stalls and refreshments.*

*A carnival celebration was also held in the evening as part of the full-day of Rio-themed events, performed by Liverpool-based Viva Brasil dancers.*

*Fiona Casey, chair of the Newburgh Fair Association said: "We enjoyed a full week of celebrations in the run-up to the fair.*

*"On Tuesday the Douglas Valley Lions held a bingo night, on Wednesday there was a folk night and the Newburgh School PTA held a children's summer disco.*

*"On the Thursday night the PTAs from Dalton School, Trinity School in Parbold and Newburgh School teamed up to hold a beach-themed 'Ladies Night' with 250 ladies attending, while Friday featured a talent night.*

*"The parade was so colourful, so full of people and so inclusive. We wanted the event to feature something for everyone and include all ages, which we did.*

*It was a magical week and culturally so diverse, it was enjoyed by all members of the community from all walks of life.*

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*"We wanted to offer a week of events which would be inclusive of everyone and we loved every minute of it."*


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# Trust's helping hand for military veterans

**IN the wake of Armed Forces Day last Saturday, June 25, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Military Veterans' Service has issued a reminder that support is available for veterans who may be experiencing mental health problems.**

While the events are taking place to mark the occasion and celebrate military personnel both past and present, they can also trigger memories for those who have served abroad and leave them feeling low.

But the trust is keen to emphasise that help is available for veterans experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or other issues such as stress, depression and anxiety.

Joe Crocock, Military Veterans Service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Military personnel do an awful lot for the country, be it during deployment, assisting in situations such as the recent flooding or doing work with local communities.

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"Armed Forces Day is a great way for people to say thank-you for all the forces do for us, as well as a time for remembering those who fought in battle and sadly never made it home.

"While a time of celebration, the day can also trigger negative emotions in veterans and it is important they are aware they don't need to go through things like this on their own; there are services available to help.

"We encourage veterans experiencing mental health problems such as PTSD, depression or dealing with substance misuse, to get in touch with the service who will be able to provide a tailored approach so individuals receive the best care suited to their needs."

The Military Veterans' Service is a partnership between Lancashire Care and Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. The service aims to provide a valuable insight and understanding of life both in and out of the forces as many staff are veterans themselves or have family members in the forces.

For more information or to make a self-referral, visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/Military-Veterans or call 0300 323 0707.

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# WIN! tickets to see Cats in Liverpool...

**ANDREW Lloyd Webber's record-breaking 2015 Olivier award nominated musical, Cats, returns to the Liverpool Empire Theatre direct from its sell-out seasons at the London Palladium, for one week only from Monday, July 11 until July 16 - and the Champion has three pairs of tickets to give away for the show.**

Based on T. S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, Cats first returned to the West End in December 2014 reuniting the original creative team - director Trevor Nunn, associate director and choreographer Gillian Lynne, designer John Napier and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Following a second season at the London Palladium this Christmas the production will embark on a new tour into 2017.

On just one special night of the year, all Jellicle cats meet at the Jellicle Ball where Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, makes the Jellicle choice and announces which of them will go up to The Heaviside Layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life.

One of the longest-running shows in the West End and on Broadway, Cats received its world premiere at the New London Theatre in 1981 where it played for 21 record-breaking years and almost 9,000 performances.

The production was the winner of the Olivier and Evening Standard Awards for Best Musical.

In 1983 the Broadway production became the recipient of seven Tony awards including Best Musical, and ran for 18 years.

Since its world premiere, Cats has been presented in over 30 countries, has been translated into 10 languages and has been seen by more than 50 million people world-wide. Both the original London and Broadway cast recordings won Grammy Awards for Best Cast Album. The classic Lloyd Webber score includes Memory which has been recorded by over 150 artists from Barbra Streisand and Johnny Mathis to Liberace and Barry Manilow.

The 2016/2017 tour of the Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Theatre production of Cats is again presented by David Ian. For further information visit www.cats-themusical.com.

The Champion has three pairs of tickets to see Cats in Liverpool on the opening night of Monday, July 11.

To be in with a chance of winning the tickets just answer the following question.

**Q. Who wrote the score for Cats?**

Answers on a postcard please to Champion newspapers, Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 OQA. The closing date for the competition is Thursday, July 7 at 12pm. Winners will be the first three correct entries drawn. Normal competition rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

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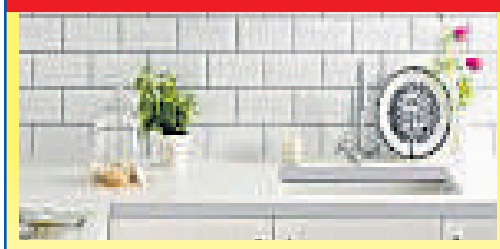

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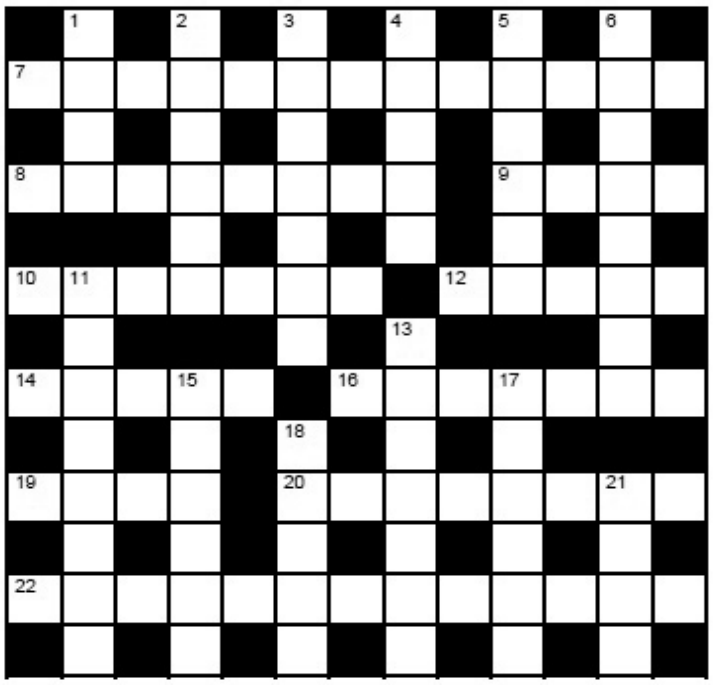

*Last week's solutions:*

*Across: 7 Ferric. 8 German. 9 Roam. 10 Land ahoy. 11 Animate. 13 Hyena. 15 Stink. 16 Degrade. 18 Rap sheet. 19 Orca. 21 Scheme. 22 Rotund.*

*Down: 1 Peso. 2 Prime minister. 3 Acolyte. 4 Agent. 5 Great Yarmouth. 6 Marooned. 12 Nuthatch. 14 Hectare. 17 Melee. 20 Cant.*

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**ACROSS**

7 A designated commercial area (7,6)
8 Stamped or moulded with a design (8)
9 Uncommon (4)
10 Person who predicts the likely winner of a horse race or other sporting contest (7)
12 Conforming to the rules (5)
14 Strangely (5)
16 Parting word (7)
19 Spicy stew from Spain or Portugal (4)
20 Someone who goes naked in designated areas (8)
22 Young child with exceptional qualities or abilities (6,7)

**DOWN**

1 Fill to the point of overflowing (4)
2 Repulsive (6)
3 Israeli parliament (7)
4 Prepared (5)
5 Suffer or die from hunger (6)
6 Infinite or unending time (8)
11 Lazy (8)
13 Game of chance (7)
15 Fibrous cylindrical object used as a bath sponge (6)
17 Express contempt for (6)
18 Come together for a common cause (5)
21 Wise person (4)

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# New season announced

**PARBOLD Picture House has released their listings of films of live transmissions from July to October.**

On Thursday, July 7 at 7pm there is to be a Front Row screening of Romeo and Juliet, which is being presented by Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company.

Then on Sunday, July 10 at 7pm The Big Short is to be shown. It is directed by Adam McKay, and stars Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, and Brad Pitt.

The film tells the true story of several 'contrarian' investors who, recognising the insanity of the 2008 housing bubble and subprime mortgage market, figured out how to "short" the market and make a killing from the financial collapse. The film received five Oscar nominations including Best Film.

The Almeida production of Richard III starring Ralph Fiennes, and Vanessa Redgrave is being streamed on Thursday July 21 at 7pm.

On Sunday, July 24 at 7pm The Revenant with Leonardo DiCaprio can be seen. DiCaprio won the Best Actor Award at the 2016 Oscars for his role in this picture. The film is a tale of vengeance in an unforgiving, icy wilderness.

The Jungle Book can be seen on Sunday, August 7 at 7pm. This film is Disney's 2016 re-telling of the Classic 1967 film and stars Scarlett Johansson, Christopher Walken, Lupita Nyong'o, Idris Elba, Ben Kingsley, and Bill Murray.

The film is based on Kipling's classic tale of Mowgli, the man-cub, and his journey of self-discovery through a world of animal friends and enemies.

Hail Caesar is being presented on Sunday, August 21 at 7pm.

In this film the Coen brothers pay homage to the golden age of film.

On Thursday, September 15 at 7pm Turandot from Sydney Harbour is to be shown.

Then on Sunday, September 4 at 7pm residents can see The Danish Girl. This film is based on the true story of a pioneering recipient of gender reassignment surgery. A story of the struggle of self-realisation of a Danish artist in the 1920s.

Sunset Song is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 at 7pm. This film is based on the classic Scottish epic novel of hope, tragedy and love at the dawning of the Great War.

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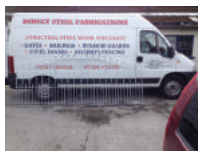

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Edna's family wish to express a genuine thank you to all their relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy at this sad time and for the generous donations for Dementia UK given in memory of Edna. Sincere gratitude to Reverend Canon Dr Rod Garner for his thoughtful funeral service, prayers and words of reflection. Thank you to Carl Howard and the team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their wonderful professional funeral arrangements.

**HALSALL HARRY (HENRY)**

Betty, David and Susan would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards and donations received, and all who attended Harry's Funeral. Sincere thanks to Ward 7b Southport Hospital for their care and attention given, Rev. Lin Camp for her kind ministrations and to Margaret, Lisa, Sally, Louis, Oliver, Denis and Anabel from MLS Independent Funeral Directors for courtesy shown to us all at this sad time.

**THEOBALD ELSIE**

John and family wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and donations received during their recent sad loss of Elsie.

Special thanks to: Peter Giles (Civil Funeral Celebrant) Margaret Whitelam (Skelmersdale Funeral Service) and all those who cared for Elsie during her illness.

## BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

**JOHN-PAUL CARLYLE**

**Happy Birthday.**

**We miss you so much.**

**Love Daughter Bonnie, Mum, family and all your friends.**

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## BIRTHDAYS

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**BONNIE CARLYLE**

Love you loads,
Jay, baby J.J.P
and Pablo

XXXXXX

Lots of love and kisses from Grandma Joan, Karen, Joseph, Helen, Colette, Joanie, Denis, partners & children

## IN MEMORIAM

**KILLEEN BERYL**

**1 year has passed**
**3rd July 2015**

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Always in our hearts
Ronnie,
Andrew,Sandra,
Jamie, Ryan and
Savannah
xxx

## DEATHS

**SAMMIE MORTON**

**22nd June 2016**

She was taken without any warning, her going has left our hearts filled with pain, but though she has gone from amongst us, in our hearts she will always remain.
Devastated
Nan and Grandad.
xxx

**MORTON SAMMIE**

Side by side, miles apart, sisters that are always connected by heart.

Love you and miss you Sammie,

Love Kirsty xx

## DEATHS

**MORTON SAMMIE**

**22nd June 2016**
**Aged 19**

When we reach the Heavenly Garden and see her in full bloom,
The flower we loved so dearly and thought God plucked her too soon.
And then we will know the reason, that we know not today, why her fragrant beauty, God took our flower away.
Love you forever our beautiful Daughter.
Love
Mum and Dad
xxx xxx

**HERBERT MURIEL**

**22nd June 2016**
**Peacefully at her home in Ormskirk.**
**Aged 85 years.**

The dearly loved Wife of the late Dennis and loving Mum of Les. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Many thanks to family, friends and NHS staff for their care and support. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Telephone: 01695 581769 / 720012

**WESTON KATHLEEN**

**24th June 2016**

**Peacefully in hospital, aged 77 years of Ormskirk**

The dearly loved Mum of Lynne and John, devoted Nan of Claire, Kirsty, Danny, Robert and James and Great Nan to Noah, Dylan, Ryan and Maddison. She will be sadly missed by all her family in Canada. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel 01695 581769/720012.

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## DEATHS

**DRAPER JANE**

**19th June 2016**
**Aged 53 years**

Peacefully at home, loving Wife of Steve, much loved Mum of Dean and Sam, cherished Daughter of Brenda and Bert, devoted Sister to Victoria and Carole, Sister In Law to Barry, Pat and Kevin. Jane will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 4th July at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt At Home. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

**WILLIAMS CARL JOHN**

How wonderful and

pleasant it is when

brothers live together

in harmony!

Psalm 113 v1.

We did Carl!

Love you and will

miss you.

Ian and Jenny.

**WILLIAMS CARL JOHN**

**20th June 2016**
**Aged 45 years**

Rest in peace.
Much loved Son of Pat and Tom, beloved Brother to Ian and Sister in law Jenny, very dear Dad of Thomas, Adam and Daniel. Service at St. Simon and St. Jude with All Souls Parish Church, Southport on Friday 1st July at 10.00am followed by Interment at Duke Street Cemetery. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

## DEATHS

**WILLIAMS CARL JOHN**

No longer in our lives

to share but

in our hearts

you're always there.

We'll miss you son.

Goodnight and

God bless.

Love Mum and Dad.

XXXX

**BLAKE KATHLEEN RITA (Sylvia)**

**22nd June 2016**
**Promoted to Glory**

Loving Wife of the late Ronald. Greatly missed by Cousins John and David together with their Wives, Nephews, Nieces, relatives and many friends. The Interment will take place at Duke Street Cemetery on Tuesday 5th July at 1pm followed by a service of thanksgiving at Canning Road Evangelical Church at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (S.O.R.T) and Weld Road Spinal Unit Minibus Fund, both of which Sylvia was hugely passionate about (please ensure cheques are made payable to each individual charity). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

**STIFF WILFRED LAWRENCE**

**19th June 2016**

**Aged 82 years**

**Passed away peacefully**

**at Chorley Hospital**

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further enquiries to

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## DEATHS

**BRAITHWAITE LILIAN**

**20th June 2016**
**Peacefully in Hospital**
**Aged 89 years**

Loving Wife of the late James Simeon, devoted Mum of Edward, Diane and Keith, dear Mother-in-law of Clive and Angela, cherished Grandma of all her Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. You showed us how to care, with boundless love and kindness, your tenderness, humour and humility touched all our hearts. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 7th July at 1:30pm, family flowers only please by request donations if desired for Mencap, all enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

**McEVOY JOHN**

**20th June 2016**
**Peacefully in hospital aged 75 years**

Loving Husband of Yvonne, devoted Dad of John, Kevin, Jill and Martin, cherished Grandad of all his grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St James Church Westhead on Thursday 7th July at 9.45am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel 01695 559868.

**MORTON SAMMIE**

**22nd June 2016**
**Suddenly**
**Aged 19 years**

Much loved Daughter of Joey and Julie, loving Sister of Kirsty. Cherished Grandaughter of Joyce and Norman, Bob and Cathy. Will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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Saint Jude, helper of the helpless, pray for us.

*Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Never known to fail. Publication must be promised.* T.L

## PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

T.L

## HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

**This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.**

T.L

**OH MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWER OF MOUNT CARMEL** Fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, blessed Mother of the son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour in my necessity (mention your request) There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Holy Mary I place this prayer in your hands (three times). Follow this with 9 hail Marys three times a day for three days to publish when prayers are answered. Prayers answered, many thanks. P.P.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(COOPERS LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, to proceed over that length of Coopers lane, Wrightington from 20 meters south of Wrennall's Lower Barn for approx 100 metres northbound.
2. The prohibition will be operative between 0800 hours on Monday 18th July to 1700 on Friday 5th August or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Coopers lane – Barmskin Lane – Bentley Lane – Sanderson Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2967/WH]

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**THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(APPLEY LANE NORTH, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**
**(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016**

**The Lancashire County Council** ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

**The Lancashire County Council** (APPLEY LANE NORTH, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016, is hereby temporarily amended in that:

i. To amend Article 2 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 11th July 2016 until Friday 5th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on 12th May 2016 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council** (APPLEY LANE NORTH, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2480/1/WH]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Prescot Road, Aughton from its junction with Orchard view for approx 25 meters southbound.
2. The prohibition will be operative between 0830 hours and 1530 hours on Sunday 17th July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Town Green Lane – Winifred Lane – A59 Liverpool Road – Long Lane – Parrs Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/2975/WH]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of Station Road, Parbold from 20 meters either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 23:30 on Saturday 9th July 2016 until 08:00 on Sunday 10th July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Station Road – Mill Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – B5246 Lancaster Lane – The Common.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Annual Crossing testing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2393/WH]

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**West Lancashire Borough Council**
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

Notice is given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 has been published on the Council's website. The Statement of Accounts as published is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that from 1 July to 12 August 2016 between 9.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, any person interested may on reasonable notice, inspect and make copies of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2016 and all related documents comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts at the Council address given below, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information.

Notice is given that from 1 July to 12 August 2016 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his/her representative an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts.

Notice is given that from 1 July to 12 August any such elector may make objections to the auditor under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matters where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest, and / or
- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

The appointed auditor to the Council is Grant Thornton UK LLP. Any questions and notice of objections should be addressed to Karen Murray, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields, Manchester, M3 3EB.

Dated: 30 June 2016

Marc Taylor
Borough Treasurer
West Lancashire Borough Council
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**West Lancashire Borough Council**
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15**

**APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Application No: 2016/0665/FUL Residential development 45 No. 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings together with associated works at Land To The South Of, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.

Application No: 2016/0679/FUL To replace existing facilities in existing portacabin with new building, new car parking layout associated landscaping and an additional fishing lake at Fishing Lakes, Mill House Farm, Eager Lane, Lydiate.

**APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING**

Application No: 2016/0489/FUL Removal of existing conservatory and re-building to form living area, internal alterations and installation of 3 no roof windows in existing roof at Deans Farm, 71 Wigan Road, Westhead.

Application No: 2016/0491/LBC Listed Building Consent - Removal of existing conservatory and re-building to form living area, internal alterations and installation of 3 no roof windows in existing roof at Deans Farm, 71 Wigan Road, Westhead.

Application No: 2016/0605/FUL Expansion of an established equestrian training/racing yard by the addition of 12 stables at Blythe Hall, Blythe Lane, Lathom.

Application No: 2016/0654/FUL Construction of 7 No. 2 bedroom apartments in two storey building at Land Rear Of Vicarage, Park Road, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2016/0668/FUL Change of use from Use Class A4 to Use Class A1 with part demolition, extension, external alterations and works to car park area at The Cockbeck Tavern, 58 Town Green Lane, Aughton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 29th June 2016
PDNOT904

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**Notice of application for Variation of Premises License**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT We lime Tyger of the building to the rear of 40 Moor Street have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a variation of Premises License, the following has been applied for:

Hours of operation 11.00 - 1.30 (Sunday - Thursday) and 11.00 - 2.00 (Friday - Saturday) and to add the following licensable activities- provision of alcohol.

This application can be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Sklemersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30 on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can also be obtained from the councils website: http://www.westlancsgov.uk/business/licensing.aspx

Any 'interested party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 17/11/2015. It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is liable to a fine of £5000.

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(SCARTH HILL LANE, POPPY LANE, LONG LANE, GRAVEYARD LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)**
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of road as specified in the attached schedule.
2. The prohibition will be operative as specified in the attached schedule or until completion of the works within this period.
3. Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is specified in the attached schedule:

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/2976/WH

**TTRO - WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH**

**Schedule of Temporary Road Closures**

The table below shows the roads affected by the proposed utilities works and the extent to which they may be closed.
Diversion routes will be signed and adapted as and when the various sections are closed.

| Road | Section | Additional information |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Scarth Hill Lane | Jct with St Helens Road to Poppy Lane | From 11/07/2016 to 29/07/2016 Access will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. |
| 2. Scarth Hill Lane | Outside Hillside to the Jct with St Helens Road | From 08/08/2016 to 16/09/2016 Access will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. |
| 3. Poppy Lane | Scarth Hill Lane to the Jct with Croppers Lane | From 19/09/2016 to 23/09/2016. Access will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. |
| 4. Long Lane | 50m NW of the Jct with Long Lane to the Jct of Long Lane. | From 26/09/2016 to 30/09/2016 Access will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. |
| 5. Graveyard Lane | For 30 Meters outside Maltkiln Farm Cottage. | From 03/10/2016 to 07/10/2016 Access will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. |
| 6. Graveyard Lane | Opposite no 1 to 25m Southwards | From 10/10/2016 to 14/10/2016 Access will be maintained whenever & wherever possible. |

The main diversion routes are shown below.

1. Scarth Hill Lane – Long Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – A570 Ormskirk Road – Scarth Hill Lane. From Poppy Lane Follow, Croppers Lane – Long Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – A570 Ormskirk Road – Scarth Hill Lane.
2. Scarth Hill Lane – Ruff Lane – A570 Knowsley Road – A570 St Helens Road.
3. Poppy Lane – Scarth Hill Lane – Long Lane – Croppers Lane – Poppy Lane.
4. Long Lane – A506 Liverpool Road – A570 Ormskirk Road – A570 Park Road – B5197 Aughton Street – A59 Holborn Hill – Long Lane .

5 & 6. Graveyard Lane – Long lane – A506 Liverpool Road – Graveyard Lane.

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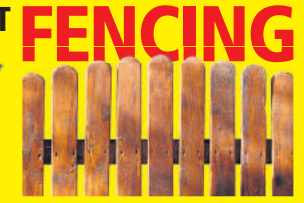

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# New generation of motorhome campers have gone upmarket!

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**MOTORHOME owners are a funny breed of people.**

It doesn't seem that long ago that going on holiday with your immediate home-from-home a few inches behind the driving seat involved a battered looking Talbot Express loaded with plastic cutlery and two pushbikes clamped onto the back.

It was simple, honest fun that in the long run saved a small fortune and hotel bills – and what's wrong with that?

But these days the motorhome fraternity's a bit more sophisticated. Not only do our happy campers now bring along satellite dishes and enough electronic gadgetry to mount a Moon mission for their weekends away, but all the ones I've seen trundling up the M6 towards the Lakes and Scotland have done away with the pushbikes.

For a while it was entirely normal to see Piaggio or Peugeot scooters mounted on the rumps of motorhomes – but even that's not quite enough nowadays. Chances are you'll have seen it too – spot a family heading away for the weekend and you can bet your lucky stars they'll be towing an entire car behind them. One that's normally fairly terrible.

Why spend Porsche 911 money on a motorhome – because that's what some of the more lavish new ones fetch – and then strap a rather tired looking Fiat Seicento to its backside?

I can understand completely the need to navigate narrow country roads in something smaller than a bungalow once you've set up camp, but an S-registered Seicento or SEAT Arosa would shatter the holiday fun in an instant.

Cars towed on the back of motorhomes tend to be three-doors too, which isn't exactly ideal if you're on a family getaway.

Happily, someone at Ford has spotted this niche in the market. Which is why the new Ford Ka has sprouted an extra set of doors and has come over all upmarket to woo loaded holidaymakers.

The Ka+, as it's officially known, has things like a Bluetooth-ready stereo system, six airbags and charging points for your mobile phone.

The posh Zetec version, meanwhile has a voice activated entertainment system and cruise control.

It'll also have – which I imagine is particularly handy if you're holidaying in deepest Cumbria – some clever electronics which greatly reduce the odds of you fluffing up hill starts.

It's just a shame that in the quest for five doors and all that luxury that it's lost a little of the original Ka's looks and cheeky spirit.

Not that you'll notice the blander looks when it's being towed behind a motorhome!

*David is features editor of Classic Car Weekly*

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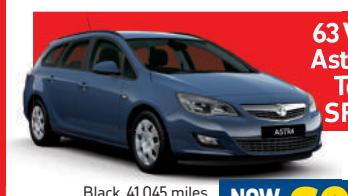

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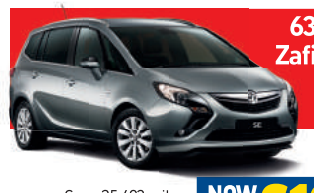

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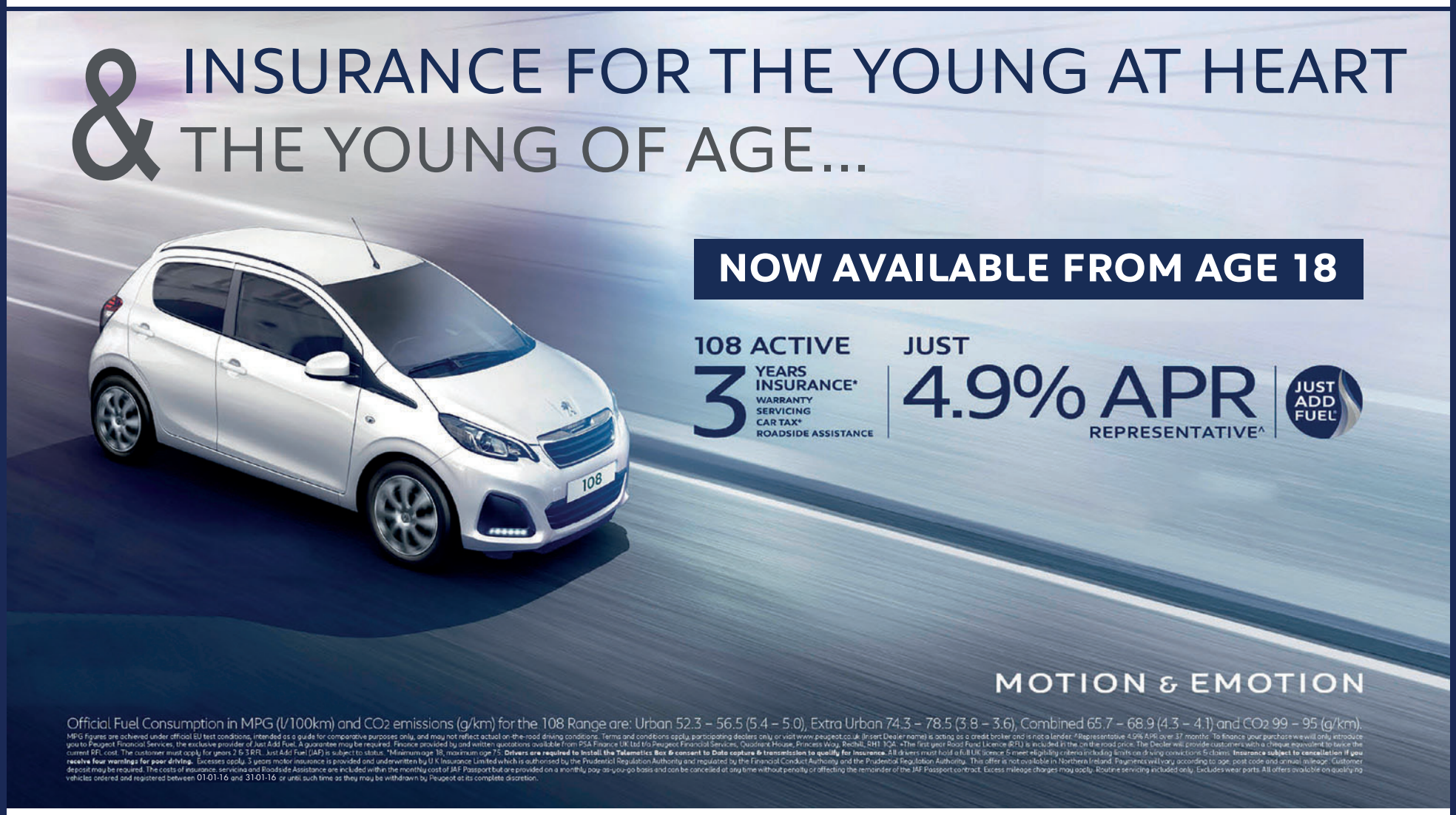


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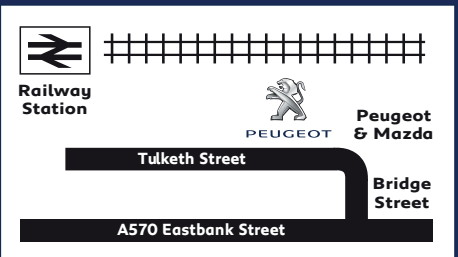

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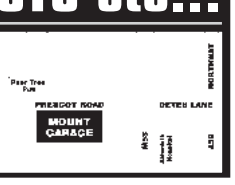


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# Kerrigan's five wicket haul helps Ormsirk to victory

## Robinson sets up big score before Lancashire man finishes off Colwyn Bay

ORMSKIRK had an 85 run win at Colwyn Bay on Saturday to stay in third place in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

Asked to bat first Ormskirk duly declared their innings after 48 overs on 222-7, thanks in the main to an unbeaten 73 from former skipper Ian Robinson, 46 from Josh Bohannon and 29 to Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan, with Paul Jenkins taking 4-86.

In reply, 5-36 from Kerrigan made sure the hosts got nowhere near their target as they were dismissed for 137.

Northern remain in second place in the Premier Division of the Liverpool & District Competition after a 33 run home win against Formby,

The hosts were put into bat and thanks to a maiden century from Stephen Cole (105 inc 10x4 & 2x6) declared after 57 overs on 196-7, with Lancashire spinner Stephen Parry taking 3-34. In reply, Formby never really recovered from being 5-2.

And despite a half century from Tym Crawford they were eventually bowled out for 163, with in-form spinner Tom Sephton taking 4-46 and Ryan Maddock 3-54.

Fourth placed Bootle had a convincing eight wicket home win against Rainhill, the visitors were put in to bat and bowled out for 104 with Sam Kershaw scoring 66 of their runs, whilst the chief destroyer with the ball was Chris Liptrot who returned his best figures for Bootle with a match winning haul of 7-44.

In reply, 44 from opener Jackson Knight and an undefeated 43 from Michael Farrell took the hosts to victory on 105-2.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures: Bootle v Colwyn Bay, Formby v Wallasey, New Brighton v Northern, Ormskirk v Birkenhead Park.

# Skem fans thanked for help with ground work

**SUPPORTERS of Skelmersdale United have been busy helping get Stormy Corner Stadium up to scratch ahead of the new season.**

**Skelmersdale United vice-chairman Norman Fenney has thanked the club's fans for the hard work they have put in over recent weeks, but it is still a case of a great job done but more to do.**

**Norman said: "The supporters have got together and done lots of good work for the club over the last few weeks, initially the labour was needed on the pitch, plenty of soil needed to be shifted in preparation for seeding it.**

**"Then the ground itself, dressing rooms needed cleaning, the stand needed a good tidying up and lots of weeds needed moving.**

**"Now comes the painting that finishes the job off well and there is still lots of that to do.**

**"On behalf of the board of directors I would like to thank everyone for the work, it has been a great help and at the same time saved the club a lot of money."**

**Away from the ground there is news and Norman pointed out that season tickets are on sale and ready for distribution. Adults are priced at £180 and concessions at £100.**

**Norman added: "If possible the sooner you buy them the more it helps the club out because there are a lot of things we can use the money for around the club."**

**They can be purchased by phoning 01695 575958.**

**It will be around July 15 before the league fixtures are published, but before then the FA Cup and FA Trophy draws will be out on July 8.**

# Burscough denied win by dogged last wicket partnership

## Skelmersdale dismiss Spring View for 70 in comfortable victory

**BURSCOUGH remain top of the First Division after a closely fought home draw against second placed Wigan.**

**After being asked to bat first the hosts finally declared after 62 overs on 187-7, thanks in no small part to two valuable knocks from all rounder Navdeep Aujla (67) and skipper Brendan Domigan (33), with James Moy taking 3-43.**

**In reply, the early dismissal of dangerman Aaron Redmond for a duck and 4-34 from Jon Stone put the hosts firmly in the driving seat as Wigan slipped to 103-9.**

**However an unbeaten 3 run last wicket partnership between George Burrows (3*) and Mark Rowe (0*) saw them doggedly survive 88 balls between them to deny Burscough victory.**

**Third placed Fleetwood Hesketh were beaten by 37 runs at Newton le Willows.**

**The hosts were asked to bat and duly declared after 55 overs on 202-8, with skipper Mike Walkden (46) and all rounder Furqan Shafiq (39) scoring vital runs, whilst Issy Perera took his second five wicket haul of the season with 5-90.**

**In reply, Fleetwood got off to a fine start thanks to Neil Rimmer (41) and Lee Bolton (36) and at 99-1 looked to be heading towards victory.**

**However the rest of the order, apart from Lee Rimmer (46, failed to provide any backbone to the innings and as they were dismissed for 165, with man of the match Shafiq taking 6-46.**

**Eighth placed Southport & Birkdale came out on top of a very closely fought contest at home to bottom placed Maghull.**

**The visitors decision to bat first soon backfired as they were dismissed for 98 with only Greg Gillespie (26) and Josh Byrne (17) able to offer much resistance, as Andy Warhurst 5-34 and Chris Brownlow 4-25 tore through the rest. In reply, S&B were soon in trouble and at 22-4 at tea the game was in the balance.**

**Nick Knight and skipper Chris Firth then rebuilt after tea before a flurry of wickets from Aqib Nawaz and Liam John brought Maghull right back into the match as the hosts slipped to 82-9.**

**Last man Warhurst then joined Knight and the pair worked together in perfect harmony as Knight brought up his maiden first team half century before hitting the winning runs to finish on 52* whilst Warhust played a pivotal role with 9* as S&B reached 99-9 to secure victory.**

**Credit goes to Maghull's main two bowlers Nawaz 5-45 and Johnson 3-32 who fought valiantly to keep their side in a nail biting match where the game of cricket came out the real winner**

**In the Second Division Skelmersdale beat Spring View by 83 run. Number eight batsman Simon Callow scored 41 not out to help his side to a total of 153-9 declared off 50.4 overs.**

**Daniel Edwards took four wickets for 15 runs and Matthew Fenney 4-24 as Spring View were dismissed for 70.**

**This weekend's local LDCC fixtures: Maghull v Burscough, Newton le Willows v S&B, Sefton Park v Fleetwood Hesketh.**

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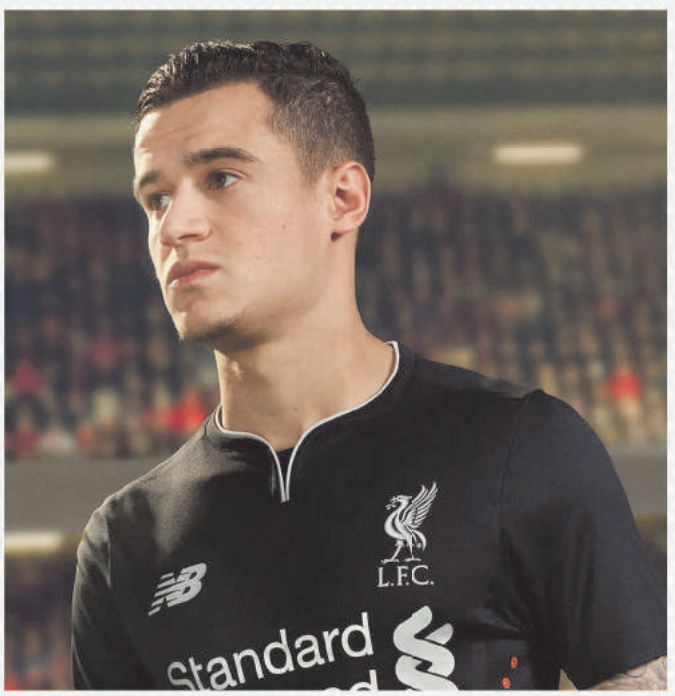

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